

What is claimed:

1. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.
2. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.
3. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.
4. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.
5. The reclosable bag of claim 4 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.
6. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.
7. The parent film material of claim 6 wherein the

areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

8. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

9. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

10. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

11. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend non-linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

12. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

13. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.
14. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.
15. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.
16. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.
17. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.
18. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.
19. The reclosable bag of claim 18 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.
20. The reclosable bag of claim 19 wherein said tear path is hermetic.
21. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and

said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being
20 coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being
25 located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

22. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said areas of structural weakness are hermetic.

23. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said fill opening is located generally opposite said fold structure.

24. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure is larger than said second fin structure.

25. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure each include a distal margin; said distal margins facing each other and at least one distal margin being coated with a
5 releasable adhesive material.

26. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein said distal margins are releasably coupled to each other by said releasable adhesive material.

27. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein at least one said distal margin is coated with said releasable adhesive material and said distal margin is coupled to a predetermined portion of said web material.

28. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure are integral to each other and include a predetermined area of structural weakness located between said coupling portion

5 of said first fin structure and said coupling portion of
said second fin structure.

~~29.~~ A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food
product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one
sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure,
at least one fold structure, and an opening located
5 generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable
fastener structure including at least one integral skirt
structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said
integral skirt structure including at least one distal
margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web
10 material at, at least one location between said tear tape
structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener
structure extending past said tear tape structure and
into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of
being filled with at least one food product.

~~30.~~ A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food
product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one
sheet of web material having at least one fold structure
presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside
5 surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said
fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including
an integral skirt structure comprising a web material
extending therefrom and including opposed distal margin
structures; said web material of said integral skirt
10 structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a
plurality of predetermined sealing areas; a barrier web
material extending between and coupled to said distal
margin structures.

31. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier
web material extends between and is coupled to said
sidewall structures.

32. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier
web material is coupled to at least one of said sidewall
structures by at least one peelable seal.

33. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said predetermined sealing areas are located, on said respective sidewall structures.

34. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to said predetermined sealing areas by at least one peelable seal.

35. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

36. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

37. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear area and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

38. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at least one header material located in a predetermined area of said fold structure.

39. The reclosable bag of claim 38 wherein said header material includes at least one edge structure adjacent said tear area.

40. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at

least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to said tear area.

5 41. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having a propensity to tear along at last two predetermined tear areas; having at least one
10 fold structure located between and defined by said two tear areas, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a
15 distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said two tear areas and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said two tear areas and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

42. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

43. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

5 44. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

45. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

46. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

47. The parent film material of claim 46 wherein the tear areas are integral to said parent film.

48. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

49. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

50. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

51. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

52. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

53. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

54. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

55. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise perforations.

56. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise scoring.

57. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise microperforations.

58. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

59. The reclosable bag of claim 58 wherein at least one layer of said multiple laminate film material includes said tear areas.

60. The reclosable bag of claim 59 wherein said tear areas are hermetic.

61. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure

located between at least two predetermined areas having
5 a propensity to tear in a predetermined direction and
presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside
surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said
fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure, located
10 in said fold structure, including a skirt structure
comprising a web material extending therefrom and
including opposed distal margin structures; said web
material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to
said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined
sealing areas.

62. The reclosable bag of claim 61 further comprising
a barrier web material extending between and coupled to
said distal margin structures.

63. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for
filling with at least one food product, said reclosable
bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material
including a first area of structural weakness and a
5 second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web
material including at least one fold structure located
between and defined by said first and second areas of
structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of
web material including a first panel coupled to said fold
10 structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness
and a second panel coupled to said fold structure
adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a
reclosable fastener structure including a male track
structure and a female track structure; said male track
15 structure including a first fin structure of web material
extending therefrom and said female track structure
including a second fin structure of web material
extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a
predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of
20 said first fin structure being coupled to said first
panel and said coupling portion of said second fin

structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said

25 areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening, said method comprising:

30 folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure;

inserting said reclosable fastener into said fold structure;

35 coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure;

40 filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and sealing said opening.

64. The method of claim 63 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas occurs last.

65. The method of claim 63 wherein the first step is

5 coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material prior to folding said sheet of web material.

66. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two

5 predetermined linear areas.

67. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step

of sealing said web material along at least said two
5 predetermined linear areas.

68. The method of claim 63 including the further step
of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure
and forming a header structure; said further step being
subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web
5 material along a predetermined folding area located
between said areas of structural weakness to form said
fold structure.

69. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for
filling with at least one food product, said reclosable
bag including at least one sheet of web material having
at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold
5 structure, and an opening located generally opposite said
fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including
at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web
material extending therefrom; said integral skirt
structure including at least one distal margin; said
10 distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at
least one location between said tear area and said
opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending
past said tear area and into said fold structure; said
reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one
15 food product, said method comprising: folding said sheet
of web material along a predetermined folding area to
produce said fold structure; inserting said reclosable
fastener assembly into said fold structure; coupling said
distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said
20 web material; sealing said web material along at least
two predetermined linear areas located generally
perpendicular to said fold structure; filling said
reclosable bag with at least one food product through
said opening; and sealing said opening.

70. The method of claim 69 wherein the step of sealing
said web material along at least two predetermined linear

areas occurs last.

71. The method of claim 69 wherein the first step is coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material
5 prior to folding said sheet of web material.

72. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two
5 predetermined linear areas.

73. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two
5 predetermined linear areas.

74. The method of claim 69 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located
5 between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure.

112 2ND
⇒ Head Area

75. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure
5 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure
10 including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said

opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending
past said areas of structural weakness; said reclosable
15 bag capable of being filled with at least one food
product through said opening.

76. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said
reclosable fastener structure extends over said fold
structure.

77. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the skirt web
material is integral to the reclosable fastener
structure.

78. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the skirt web
material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

79. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the web
material includes an outside surface and an inside
surface; the inside surface including a predetermined
area having a releasable adhesive material thereon;
5 whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

80. The reclosable bag of claim 79 wherein the peelable
seal, when formed, is hermetic.

81. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said web
material of said reclosable bag is substantially
comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having
predetermined dimensions.

82. The parent film material of claim 81 wherein the
areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent
film.

83. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas
of structural weakness extend linearly across a
predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

84. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the
predetermined dimension is width.

85. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the
predetermined dimension is length.

86. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas
of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a

predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

87. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

88. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

89. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

90. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

91. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

92. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

93. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

94. The reclosable bag of claim 93 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

95. The reclosable bag of claim 94 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

5 96. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said

10

opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending
past said areas of structural weakness and over said fold
structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled
with at least one food product through said opening.

97. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the skirt web
material is integral to the reclosable fastener
structure.

98. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the skirt web
material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

99. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the web
material includes an outside surface and an inside
surface; the inside surface including a predetermined
area having a releasable adhesive material thereon;
whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

100. The reclosable bag of claim 99 wherein the peelable
seal, when formed, is hermetic.

101. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said web
material of said reclosable bag is substantially
comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having
predetermined dimensions.

102. The parent film material of claim 101 wherein the
areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent
film.

103. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas
of structural weakness extend linearly across a
predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

104. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the
predetermined dimension is width.

105. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the
predetermined dimension is length.

106. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas
of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a
predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web
material.

107. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the

predetermined dimension is width.

108. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

109. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

110. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

111. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

112. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

113. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

114. The reclosable bag of claim 113 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

115. The reclosable bag of claim 114 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

116. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear tape structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear tape structure and over said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

~~117.~~ A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food

product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure
5 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening located between said fold structure and said gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure
10 of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure
15 extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

118. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

119. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

120. The reclosable bag of claim 118 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface, and wherein, each of said surfaces includes a respective upper and lower portion.

121. The reclosable bag of claim 120 further including a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and said opening;

5 said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon;

whereby said portion of said backing strip may be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral

skirt.

122. The reclosable bag of claim 121 wherein said backing strip extends below said lower portion of said inside surface.

123. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

124. The parent film material of claim 123 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

125. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

126. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

127. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

128. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

129. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

130. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

131. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

132. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

133. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

134. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas

of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

135. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

136. The reclosable bag of claim 135 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

137. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness;

said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness,

a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure;

and a fill opening located generally between said fold portion and said gusseted portion;

a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure;

said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom;

each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portions coupled to said web material;

one of said fin structures being located adjacent said fill opening and including a backing strip;

said backing strip located generally opposite said fill opening;

said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure;

said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at

30 least one food product through said fill opening.
138 A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for
filling with at least one food product; said reclosable
bag including at least one sheet of web material having
at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one
5 fold structure located between and defined by said two
areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located
generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening
located generally between said fold structure and said
gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener assembly
10 including a skirt structure of skirt web material
extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a
distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said
web material at, at least one location between said areas
of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable
15 fastener assembly extending past said areas of structural
weakness and into said fold structure; a backing strip
located opposite said opening and between said skirt
structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled
with at least one food product, said method comprising:
20 folding said sheet of web material along a
predetermined folding area to produce said fold
structure;
attaching said backing strip to said skirt
structure;
25 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into
said fold structure;
coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt
structure to said web material;
folding said web material to produce said gusseted
30 portion;
sealing said web material along at least two
predetermined linear areas located generally
perpendicular to said fold structure;
filling said reclosable bag with at least one food

35 product through said opening; and
sealing said opening.

139. The method of claim 138 further including the step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web along at least two predetermined linear areas.

5 140. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

a reclosable fastener assembly coupled to said reclosable bag;

5 said reclosable bag having a gusseted portion located substantially opposite said reclosable fastener assembly;

10 said reclosable bag further including at least one side opening located between said reclosable fastener assembly and said gusseted portion of said reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product.

141. The reclosable bag of claim 140 wherein said reclosable fastener assembly includes a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin.

142. The reclosable bag of claim 141 wherein the integral-skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface, and wherein each of said surfaces includes a respective upper and lower portion.

143. The reclosable bag of claim 142 further including a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and said opening;

5 said backing strip extending below said lower portion of said inside surface;

said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon;

whereby said portion of said backing strip may be

10 adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.

144. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material;

a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt

5 structure extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location;

a gusseted structure located opposite said

10 reclosable fastener structure;

an opening located between said reclosable fastener structure and said gusseted structure; and

said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

145. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least

5 one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness;

a gusseted structure located opposite said fold structure;

a reclosable fastener including a skirt structure

10 extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location located between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted structure;

15 and

said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure.

146. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for

filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure
5 extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location; a gusseted structure located opposite said reclosable fastener structure; an opening located between said reclosable
10 fastener structure and said gusseted structure; said method comprising:

coupling said distal margin of said skirt structure to said web material;

15 folding said web material to produce said gusseted structure;

sealing said web material along at least one predetermined area located generally perpendicular to said gusseted structure;

20 filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and
sealing said opening.

~~147.~~ A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one
5 fold structure located between and defined by said at least two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including a skirt structure extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a
10 distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted portion; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said
15 reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one

food product, said method comprising:

folding said skirt of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure;

20 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure;

coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

25 folding said web material to produce said gusseted portion; and

sealing said web material along at least one predetermined linear area located generally perpendicular to said fold structure.